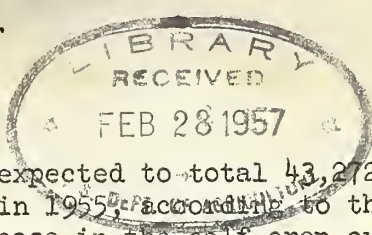


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The 1956 calf crop is expected to total 43,272,000 head, 1 percent more than the 43,001,000 calves born in 1955, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is the seventh successive increase in the calf crop over the preceding year since the number of cattle started upward in 1949 and exceeds the 1945-54 average calf crop by 19 percent.

The record high 1956 number is the result of a near-record number of cows and heifers on farms and a slight increase in the calving percentage. The number of cows and heifers 2 years old and older on January 1, 1956, was 49,076,000 head, nearly the same as the number on hand a year earlier and almost 14 percent above the 10-year average.

The expected number of calves born in 1956 expressed as a percentage of cows and heifers 2 years old and older on January 1, 1956, was slightly over 88 percent --4 percentage points above the 10-year average of 84 percent. This figure is not strictly a calving rate since the January 1 inventory of cows and heifers 2 years old and older does not include all the heifers which would give birth to calves during the year. The percentage is calculated to show the trend in productivity over a long period of time. It may fluctuate from year to year due to variations in cow slaughter during the year and trends in breeding herd replacements.

This report on the expected calf crop is based on returns from 155,000 live-stock producers who report on the number of calves born to June 1 and the number of cows expected to calve from June 1 to December 31. These returns were obtained largely in cooperation with the Post Office Department through rural mail carriers.

The predicted calf crop of 18,075,000 head in the North Central States is 58,000 head smaller than in 1955, but 14 percent above the 10-year average. The East North Central States showed a 1 percent increase, while the West North Central States showed a 1 percent decrease. Compared with last year, Illinois and Michigan were the only East North Central States showing a decrease, and Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas were the only West North Central States showing decreases. In the North Central States, the number of cows and heifers 2 years old and older on hand January 1, 1956 was 19,727,000 head--a decrease of less than 1 percent from the 19,877,000 head on January 1, 1955. The estimated calf crop, as a percentage of cows and heifers 2 years old and older on January 1, 1956, was 92 percent, compared with 91 percent in 1955 and the average of 89 percent.

The Western States expect a calf crop of 7,351,000 head in 1956, compared with 7,266,000 in 1955. Only 3 of the Western States, Arizona, Nevada, and Oregon show a decrease in the 1956 calf crop compared with 1955. The number of all cows and heifers 2 years old and older on farms and ranches on January 1, 1956 totaled 8,312,000 head--an increase of 1 percent from January 1, 1955. The calf crop expressed as a percentage of cows and heifers 2 years old and older was 88 percent compared with 89 percent last year.

In the South Central States, a total calf crop of 11,382,000 head is expected--an increase of nearly 2 percent over 1955 and 23 percent above the average. The number of all cows and heifers 2 years old and older on January 1, 1956 totaled 13,148,000 head--3,000 head less than the previous year. The calf crop, expressed as a percentage of all cows and heifers 2 years old and older, is 87 percent compared with 85 percent in 1955 and the average of 80 percent. Texas, the leading cattle producing State, expects the 1956 calf crop to reach 4,319,000 head compared with the 1955 crop of 4,297,000 head. The number of cows and heifers 2 years old and older on January 1, 1956 in Texas was 4,799,000--1 percent below 1955.

A calf crop of 3,135,000 head in 1956 in the North Atlantic region would be 1 percent larger than the number of calves born in 1955. The number of cows and heifers 2 years old and older on January 1, 1956 was 3,634,000 head, compared with 3,599,000 head on January 1, 1955. The calf crop, expressed as a percentage of cows and heifers 2 years old and older on January 1, 1956, is 86 percent.

In the South Atlantic States, the calf crop is expected to total 3,329,000 head compared with 3,305,000 head last year. A calf crop of this size would be 78 percent of the number of cows and heifers two years old and older on January 1, 1956. The number of cows and heifers two years old and older on January 1, 1956 totaled 4,255,000, nearly 1 percent smaller than a year earlier.



# CALIF CROP REPORT, JULY 1956

State and Division	Calves Born			Cows and heifers 2 yrs. & older January 1			Calves Born as Percent of cows and heifers 2 yrs. & older January 1		
	10-yr. average 1945-54	1955	1956	10-yr. average 1945-54	1955	1956	10-yr. average 1945-54	1955	1956
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	Percent	Percent
Maine.	110	116	119	130	132	134	84	88	89
N. H.	60	66	67	72	73	76	83	90	88
Vt.	238	275	283	299	323	329	80	85	86
Mass.	107	109	108	134	128	125	80	85	86
R. I.	16	16	16	21	19	19	80	84	84
Conn.	98	104	106	122	122	122	81	85	87
N. Y.	1,233	1,344	1,377	1,446	1,527	1,547	85	88	89
N. J.	123	129	129	156	161	161	78	80	80
Pa.	863	936	930	1,019	1,114	1,121	85	84	83
N. Atl.	2,849	3,095	3,135	3,399	3,599	3,634	83	86	86
Ohio	990	1,021	1,023	1,160	1,173	1,162	85	87	88
Ind.	848	890	893	953	1,000	981	89	89	91
Ill.	1,282	1,380	1,363	1,448	1,516	1,482	89	91	92
Mich.	877	848	841	1,025	998	1,001	86	85	84
Wis.	2,254	2,452	2,514	2,505	2,665	2,703	90	92	93
E. N. Cent.	6,251	6,591	6,634	7,090	7,352	7,329	88	90	91
Minn.	1,590	1,720	1,731	1,764	1,830	1,861	90	94	93
Iowa	1,762	2,033	2,006	1,942	2,140	2,090	91	95	96
Mo.	1,534	1,810	1,812	1,701	2,011	1,970	90	90	92
N. Dak.	720	915	947	822	984	1,052	88	93	90
S. Dak.	1,082	1,508	1,523	1,239	1,587	1,655	87	95	92
Nebr.	1,485	1,813	1,740	1,680	2,036	1,922	88	89	91
Kans.	1,448	1,743	1,682	1,647	1,937	1,848	88	90	91
W. N. Cent.	9,621	11,542	11,441	10,795	12,525	12,398	89	92	92
N. Cent.	15,871	18,133	18,075	17,885	19,877	19,727	89	91	92
Del.	32	36	36	41	45	43	79	79	83
Md.	220	264	268	262	311	308	84	85	87
Va.	546	658	652	661	803	785	83	82	83
W. Va.	266	293	295	316	341	343	84	86	86
N. C.	341	444	441	449	576	573	76	77	77
S. C.	183	266	266	242	345	346	75	77	77
Ga.	479	683	696	631	864	849	76	79	82
Fla.	480	661	675	752	1,001	1,008	64	66	67
S. Atl.	2,548	3,305	3,329	3,352	4,286	4,255	75	77	78
Ky.	744	886	905	863	995	995	86	89	91
Tenn.	750	900	908	872	1,046	1,032	86	86	88
Ala.	590	820	831	776	1,051	1,052	76	78	79
Miss.	714	1,056	1,103	1,002	1,408	1,432	71	75	77
Ark.	580	703	727	719	890	887	81	79	82
La.	671	966	1,007	899	1,164	1,213	75	83	83
Okla.	1,322	1,574	1,582	1,527	1,769	1,738	86	89	91
Texas	3,849	4,297	4,319	4,771	4,828	4,799	81	89	90
S. Cent.	9,221	11,202	11,382	11,430	13,151	13,148	80	85	87
Mont.	852	1,141	1,151	955	1,214	1,238	89	94	93
Idaho	395	554	569	466	602	618	84	92	92
Wyo.	439	483	498	533	568	553	82	85	90
Colo.	742	846	860	870	920	935	85	92	92
N. Mex.	548	572	598	690	689	720	80	83	83
Ariz.	361	377	372	471	477	465	77	79	80
Utah	258	342	362	311	364	385	82	94	94
Nev.	216	260	257	284	317	314	76	82	82
Wash.	403	515	517	482	560	568	84	92	91
Oreg.	481	619	608	596	728	724	80	85	84
Calif.	1,240	1,557	1,559	1,506	1,769	1,792	82	88	87
West.	5,934	7,266	7,351	7,163	8,208	8,312	83	89	88
U. S.	36,423	43,001	43,272	43,229	49,121	49,076	84	88	88

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